

Brownley (CA)	Hice, Jody B.	Pearce
Buck	Hill	Perry
Bucshon	Holding	Peters
Burgess	Hoyer	Peterson
Byrne	Hudson	Pittenger
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Poe (TX)
Carbajal	Jayapal	Poliquin
Cárdenas	Jenkins (KS)	Price (NC)
Carson (IN)	Jenkins (WV)	Raskin
Carter (GA)	Johnson (OH)	Ratcliffe
Castor (FL)	Jones	Reed
Cheney	Jordan	Reichert
Clark (MA)	Joyce (OH)	Rice (NY)
Clarke (NY)	Katko	Richmond
Cleaver	Keating	Rogers (AL)
Clyburn	Khanna	Rohrabacher
Cohen	Kihuen	Rokita
Comer	Kilmer	Ros-Lehtinen
Conaway	Kind	Rosen
Connolly	King (NY)	Roskam
Costa	Kinzinger	Rouzer
Courtney	Knight	Ruiz
Crawford	LaHood	Ryan (OH)
Crist	Lance	Sarbanes
Crowley	Langevin	Schakowsky
Curbelo (FL)	Larson (CT)	Schiff
DeFazio	Lawson (FL)	Schrader
Delaney	Lee	Scott, Austin
DelBene	Levin	Sensenbrenner
Denham	Lewis (GA)	Serrano
DeSantis	LoBiondo	Sewell (AL)
Diaz-Balart	Loeb sack	Sinema
Doyle, Michael	Loftgren	Sires
F.	Lowenthal	Slaughter
Emmer	Luján, Ben Ray	Smucker
Espallat	Lynch	Soto
Esty (CT)	MacArthur	Stivers
Faso	Maloney	Swalwell (CA)
Fitzpatrick	Carolyn B.	Tenney
Flores	Maloney, Sean	Thompson (CA)
Fox	Mast	Thompson (PA)
Fudge	McGovern	Tipton
Gaetz	McKinley	Torres
Gallagher	McSally	Turner
Garrett	Meehan	Upton
Gomez	Moore	Valadao
Gonzalez (TX)	Neal	Vargas
Gottheimer	Nolan	Veasey
Graves (GA)	Norcross	Velázquez
Graves (LA)	O'Halleran	Visclosky
Graves (MO)	Palazzo	Walberg
Green, Gene	Pallone	Watson Coleman
Grijalva	Palmer	Wittman
Gutiérrez	Panetta	Woodall
Hastings	Paulsen	Yoder
Herrera Beutler	Payne	Zeldin

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tonko

## NOT VOTING—23

Beyer	Kennedy	Rush
Bridenstine	Lieu, Ted	Sánchez
Brooks (AL)	Loudermilk	Scalise
Correa	McCaull	Simpson
Cummings	Messer	Smith (TX)
Farenthold	Napolitano	Thompson (MS)
Garamendi	Pocan	Vela
Gohmert	Renacci	

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Mr. POE of Texas changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall No. 694, "Yea" on rollcall No. 695, and "Yea" on rollcall No. 696.

NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION  
CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago, the National Park Foundation was

established by Congress and President Johnson.

The National Park Foundation is the official charity of America's national parks and the nonprofit partner to the National Park Service. For 50 years, they have raised funds, private funds, to help protect more than 84 million acres of national parks through critical conservation and preservation efforts.

The National Park Foundation has helped safeguard our heritage and engage that next generation of national park enthusiasts by connecting us to the parks right in our own backyard. Although they haven't been around as long as the National Park Service, they have played an important role in strengthening and enhancing our parks.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to thank the National Park Foundation for its work to help protect and preserve the crown jewels of America, our national parks, monuments, and battlefields. Our country looks forward to another 50 years of your great work.

## KEEPING OUR PROMISE

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I looked at the calendar today and saw there was no Dream Act vote on the floor this week. As we approach tomorrow, a potential CR, Republican and Democrats must support this bipartisan Dream Act.

These are hardworking men and women, young people. They are doctors and artists, scientists and police officers, mentors and EMTs. These are Americans through and through.

We made a promise that we must keep. We need to protect the rights and principles that our country was founded on and thrives upon.

We demand a vote for a clean Dream Act today. We demand a vote for a clean Dream Act tomorrow.

MAKING HEALTH INSURANCE  
AFFORDABLE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of one of my constituents who has been severely impacted by the rising costs under the Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Watts, from Chico, California, was recently notified by his insurer that his health coverage will shut down at the end of the year. In its place, he was offered another plan that "may meet his needs" and that he will be automatically enrolled. That is right. They just sign him up for one.

The problem is, this plan, which covers an adult and two teens, sees his monthly premium skyrocket to \$2,067 per month, an increase of \$831. That is

a huge increase, 67 percent, costing him upwards of \$9,900 per year in new costs, bringing his total costs for health insurance to nearly \$25,000 per year.

Unsurprisingly, Mr. Watts is no longer able to afford his insurance, and many in Northern California and across the country currently find themselves in the same position.

Sadly, my office staff and I have heard this story countless times. Many in my district were pretty happy with their insurance before ObamaCare, and now, under the individual mandate, they are forced to pay for insurance they can't afford.

But with the repeal of the individual mandate, as in H.R. 1, which passed today, individuals like Mr. Watts are not punished for failing to purchase unaffordable insurance. Instead, we will seek to allow affordable choices for Americans to choose themselves.

## SHAME ON REPUBLICANS

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, it is a dark day; \$3 trillion in revenue cuts, in tax breaks; three quarters of that goes to corporations under the premise that they will use that money to employ people. The last time they got this kind of a break, 93 percent of the money went to stock dividends, buybacks, and executive bonuses, and it will be no different this time—squandering America's wealth for the wealthiest among us.

Eighty-three percent of the remainder goes to people who earn over \$400,000 a year. They are going to trickle down on us, yet again.

At the same time, there is no infrastructure package. The Trump administration, the DOT says, we just don't know where we can find the money.

Well, imagine if they used a fraction of these tax giveaways for infrastructure—15,000 jobs per billion invested. We could have had \$1.5 million with 3 percent of the money they just wasted on these tax cuts.

Shame on them.

BERKS COUNTY CAREER  
PATHWAYS ALLIANCE

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some wonderful work being done for our students in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The Berks County Career Pathways Alliance is an initiative to create a countywide framework to engage K-12 students in career awareness, work-based learning opportunities, and financial literacy.

Mr. Speaker, I have spoken in this Chamber before about our work to prepare students for our 21st century economy, but today I get to stand up

here and share the work that is being done by the people on the ground fighting every day to make a difference in the lives of the students in their communities.

The Alliance brings together educators, school administrators, private business, and the local Chamber of Commerce, a cohesive group of diverse organizations, to make real progress toward improving the workforce pipeline in Berks County. Their goal is to have 18 school districts in Berks County adopt their framework and eventually make it a statewide initiative.

This initiative is being led by Dr. Jill Hackman, the executive director of the Berks County Intermediate Unit, and the Greater Reading Chamber Alliance. Thanks to their tireless efforts, and the efforts of many others involved, students will be exposed to new learning opportunities that can open the door to family sustaining careers.

I am very proud of the work being done in my district, and I look forward to seeing their initiative change the lives of some of the 70,000 K–12 students in Berks County.

#### THE TAX CUT IS A DEBACLE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I hold in my hand the vote tally for the “Tax No Jobs” bill. It is interesting, when you are asked about the tax bill, they put the word “jobs.”

This was a very close vote, and 12 Republicans understood this was the worst vote, worst bill in the history of the United States; and the reason is, of course, because tens of millions of middle class households and those who need a tax break will not get it. \$1.7 trillion in debt.

It eliminates tax benefits that directly impact the middle class, it results in 13 million fewer Americans with health insurance, it adds over \$2 trillion in deficit spending, and it triggers PAYGO’s automatic spending cuts to mandatory programs.

So let me tell you, my voice is a little rough, but my heart is strong. Social Security to the American people, it is going to be cut. Medicare, it is going to be cut. The Medicaid, for those in nursing homes like my friend who I visited over the weekend, will be cut.

And you know what? There will be no answer in jobs of corporations who got low tax rates, lower than you.

This is a debacle so bad that it has to come back and we have to vote again for it.

My voice is a little rough, but I am going out there to tell the American people that this is the worst calamity since we collapsed under the past Republican administration. Vote “no” every time you see this bill because it is “no” for the American people.

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#### IN MEMORY OF AGNES DOSTER

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mrs. Agnes Doster, who passed away on Monday, December 4, at the age of 79.

Originally from Forsyth, Georgia, Mrs. Doster worked for 40 years in the Secretary of the Senate’s office in the Georgia State Capitol. She served in a number of different capacities there with dedication since 1968, always making the Georgia State Capitol run more efficiently, while promoting good government.

Outside of her time working as a civil servant, Mrs. Doster was very active in the First Baptist Church of Snellville for over 45 years. There, she sang in the choir, played hand bells, directed weddings, and taught the 2-year-old Sunday school class.

She is survived by family all over the State of Georgia, including her husband, sister, children, grandchildren, and 30 nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Doster’s bright spirit will surely be missed by everyone around the Georgia State Capitol.

#### WHAT A DISASTER

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, what a disaster. The American people wanted a Tax Code that works for them. Instead, my esteemed colleagues just passed a tax plan that only works for crony capitalists and oligarchs.

The GOP tax plan is scamming hardworking American families in order to line the pockets of millionaire real estate developers and people who paint their toilet fixtures in their private jets gold.

Mr. Speaker, hardworking American taxpayers want jobs, investments in our highways and railroads, fully funded children’s healthcare, state-of-the-art schools, and well-paid teachers.

Oligarchs who own gilded skyscrapers, gold-leafed golf courses, and real estate passthroughs want to drown in the excesses of wealth.

The American people wrote their Representatives. They called us. They marched in the Halls of the Capitol for a democratic Tax Code. Instead, they got a scam that takes away money from schools, police officers, fire departments, and families. But I guess money talks.

#### THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 1 IS THE FIRST STEP

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, the passage of today’s bill is the first step to providing desperately needed once-in-a-generation relief from the failed status quo, especially in New York State.

Under this bill, the typical American family making \$73,000 a year will see a tax cut of \$2,059, and low- and middle-income New Yorkers can finally see an immediate raise in their January and February paychecks.

As a single working mom and a person who cared for my elderly and aging parents, I and my New York colleagues fought an uphill battle to include provisions facing elimination that are vital to seniors, single parents, struggling families, and overburdened job creators, many of whom have left New York State in vast numbers.

Despite the fact that these provisions faced the very real threat of elimination, our efforts were successful in securing the historic tax credit for a State like New York, with many of our Nation’s most historic and most important national landmarks, expanding the SALT deduction—the State and local tax deduction—childcare and dependent care credits, and continuing the deductibility of medical expenses, to assist our most vulnerable seniors in defraying high medical costs.

In New York’s 22nd District, 99 percent of itemizers deduct less than \$10,000 in property tax, the cap which represents the new deduction.

Due to Albany’s mismanagement, all the counties I represent are in the top 36 highest property tax rates compared with home value nationwide. This bill will provide relief on the Federal level, while, finally, finally, incentivizing Albany to respect taxpayers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana). The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

Members are reminded to heed the gavel.

#### THERE IS NO DOUBT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NEED TAX REFORM

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt that the American people need and want real tax reform, but rather than passing a strong, inclusive bipartisan bill focused on helping hardworking middle class families, today Republicans passed a bill filled with massive corporate giveaways and loopholes for the ultrawealthy.

For example, the top 1 percent in our country will receive over 82 percent of the entire tax benefit in the bill they passed today.

As long as Congress continues to pass legislation for partisan political reasons that seriously serve special corporate interests instead of the families that are struggling just to get by every day, where lobbyists have more input in the writing of this legislation than many Members of Congress, the American people lose.